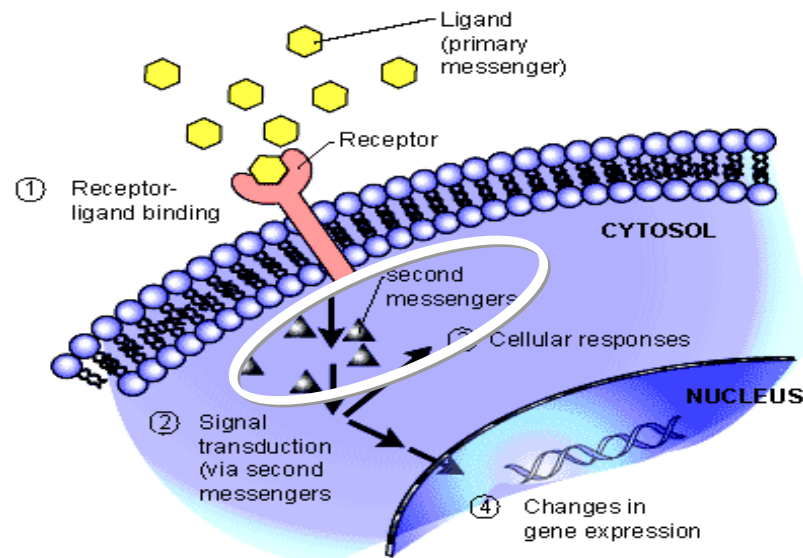


Eukaryotic Gene Expression: Basics & Benefits

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Lecture 17

Regulation of gene expression by second messengers other than cAMP



cAMP

cGMP

IP3

DAG

Ca²⁺

Lectures 15 and 16

Introduction to signal transduction

Lipophilic signalling molecules and intracellular receptors

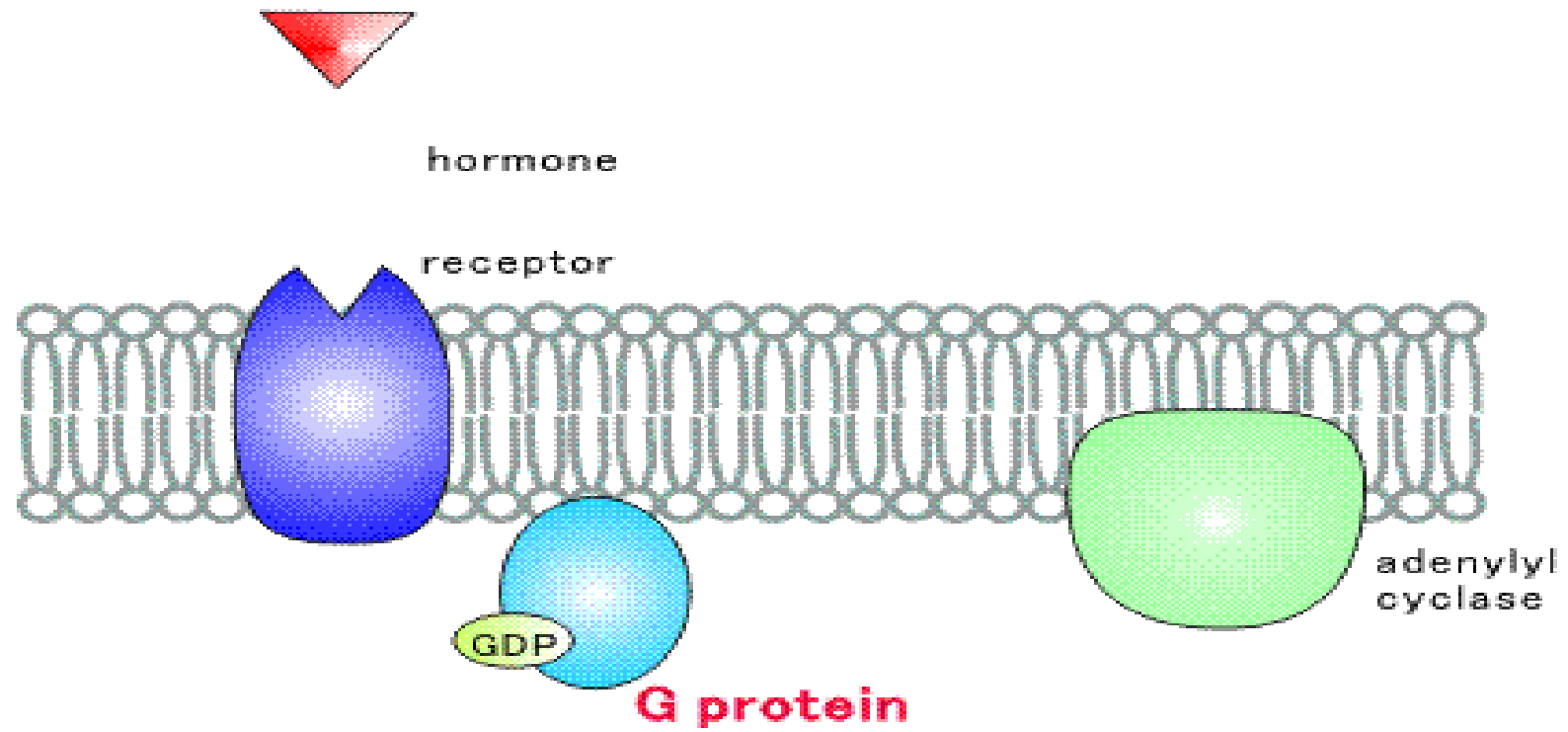
Water soluble signalling molecules and membrane receptors

Activation of adenylate cyclase and synthesis of cAMP by GPCR signalling pathway involving trimeric G proteins

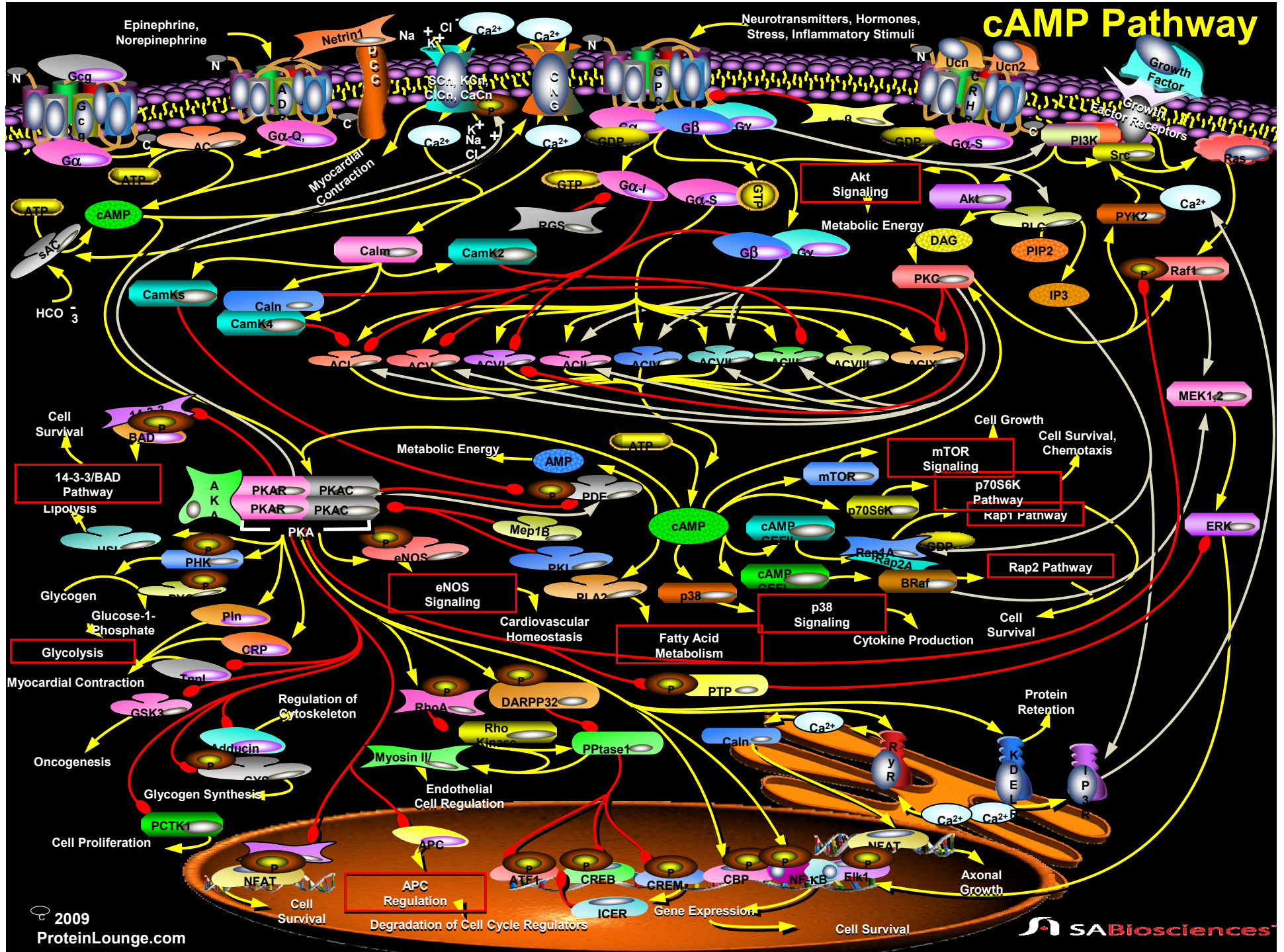
Synthesis of cAMP and activation of protein kinase A

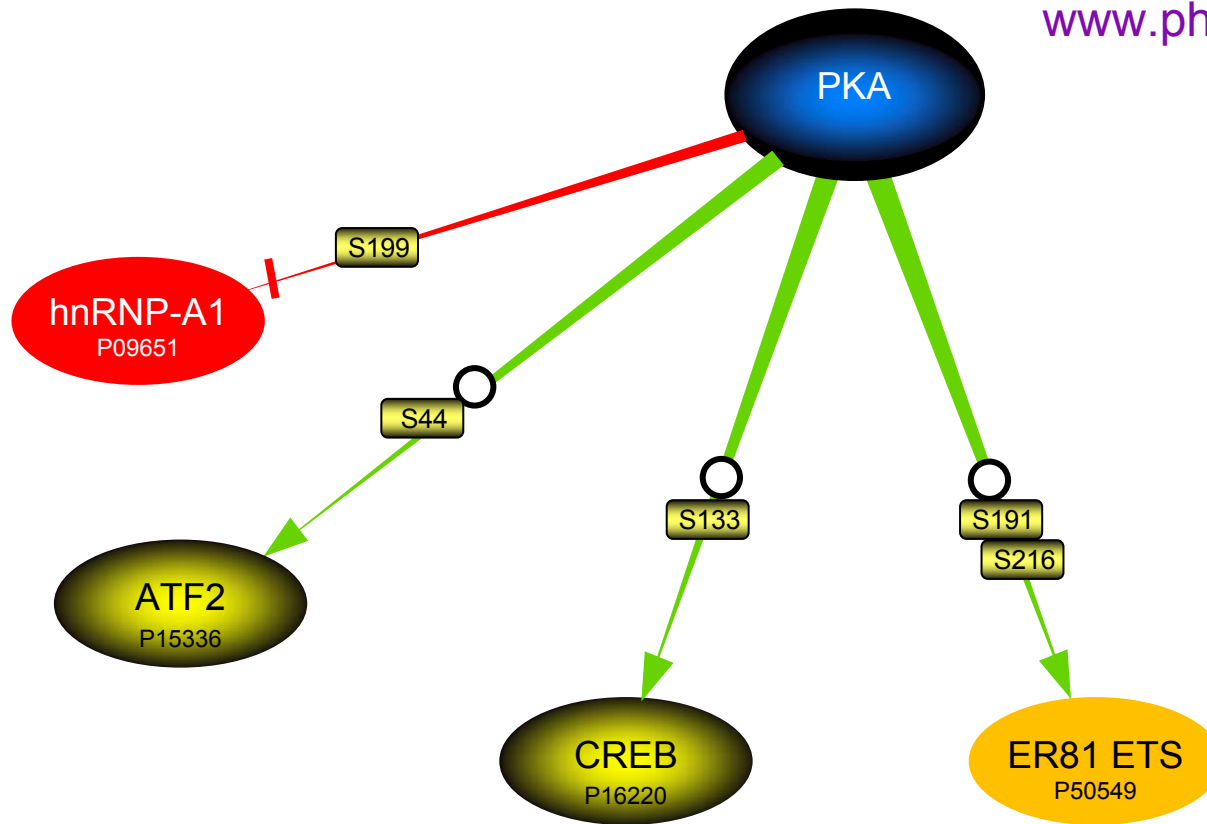
Regulation of gene expression by cAMP and protein kinase A via ATF/CREB family of transcription factors

Regulation of gene expression by cGMP, IP3, DAG, Ca²⁺



cAMP Pathway



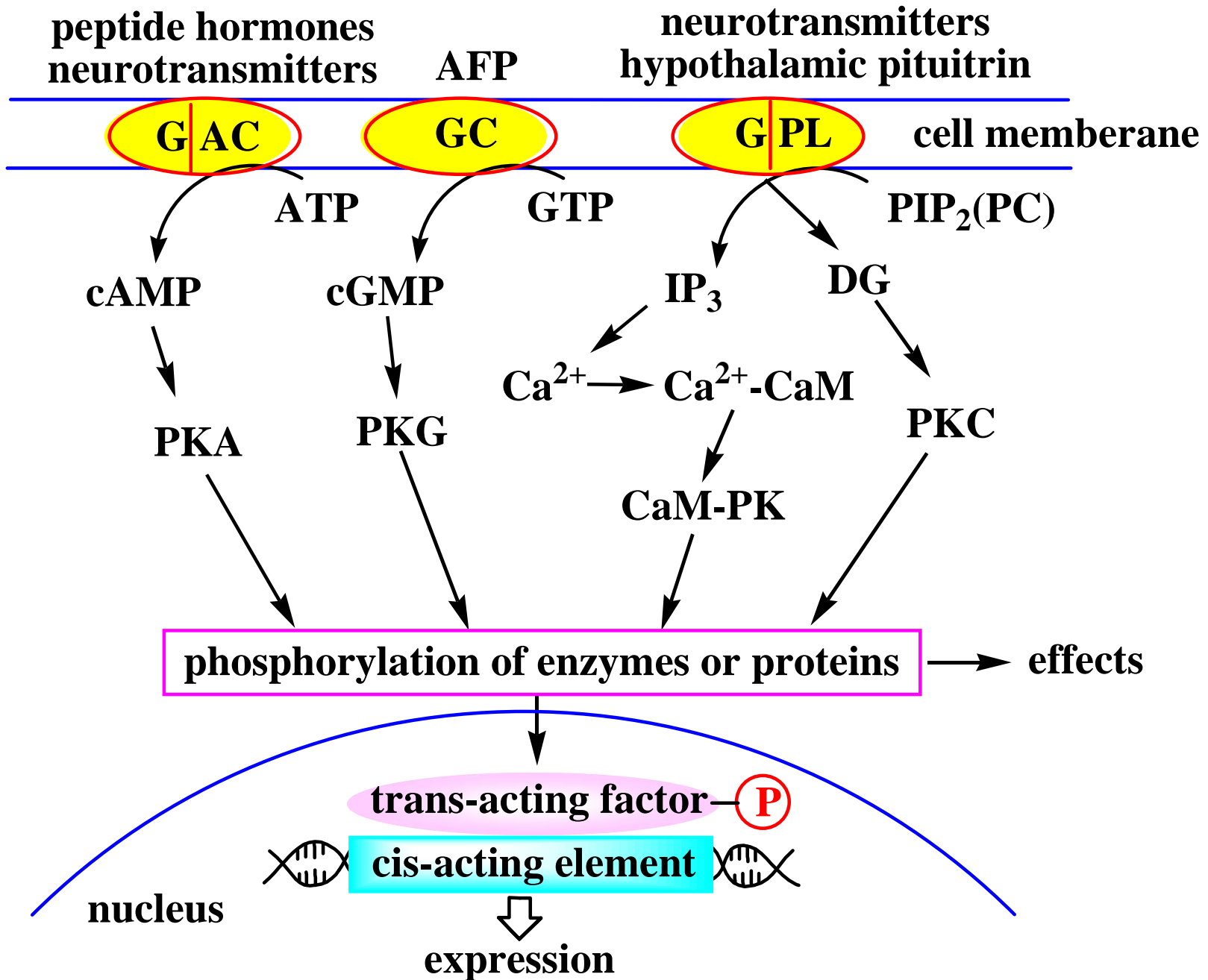


cAMP dependent-protein kinase A pathway

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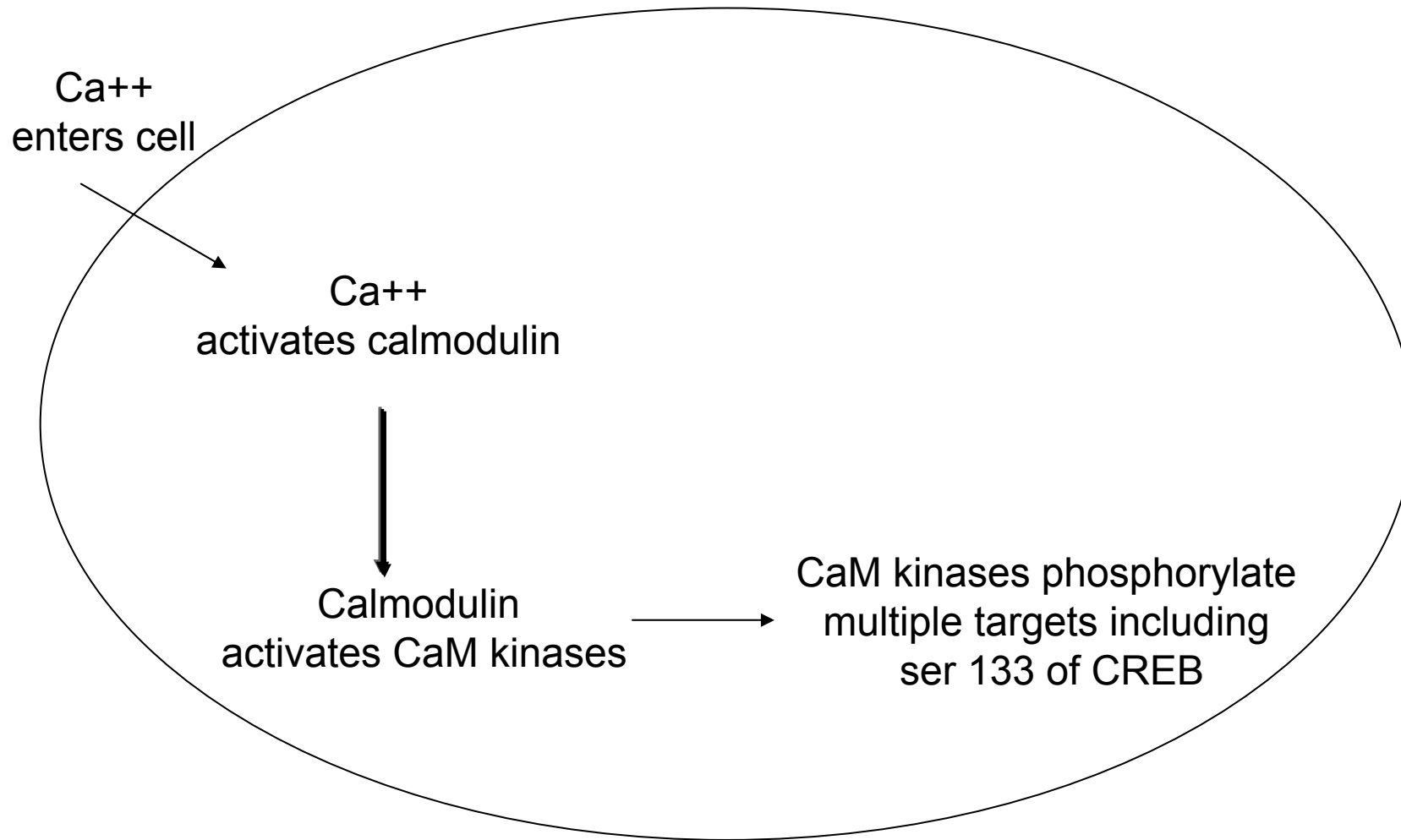
cGMP-dependent protein kinase G pathway

Ca²⁺-CaMK and DAG-protein kinase C pathways



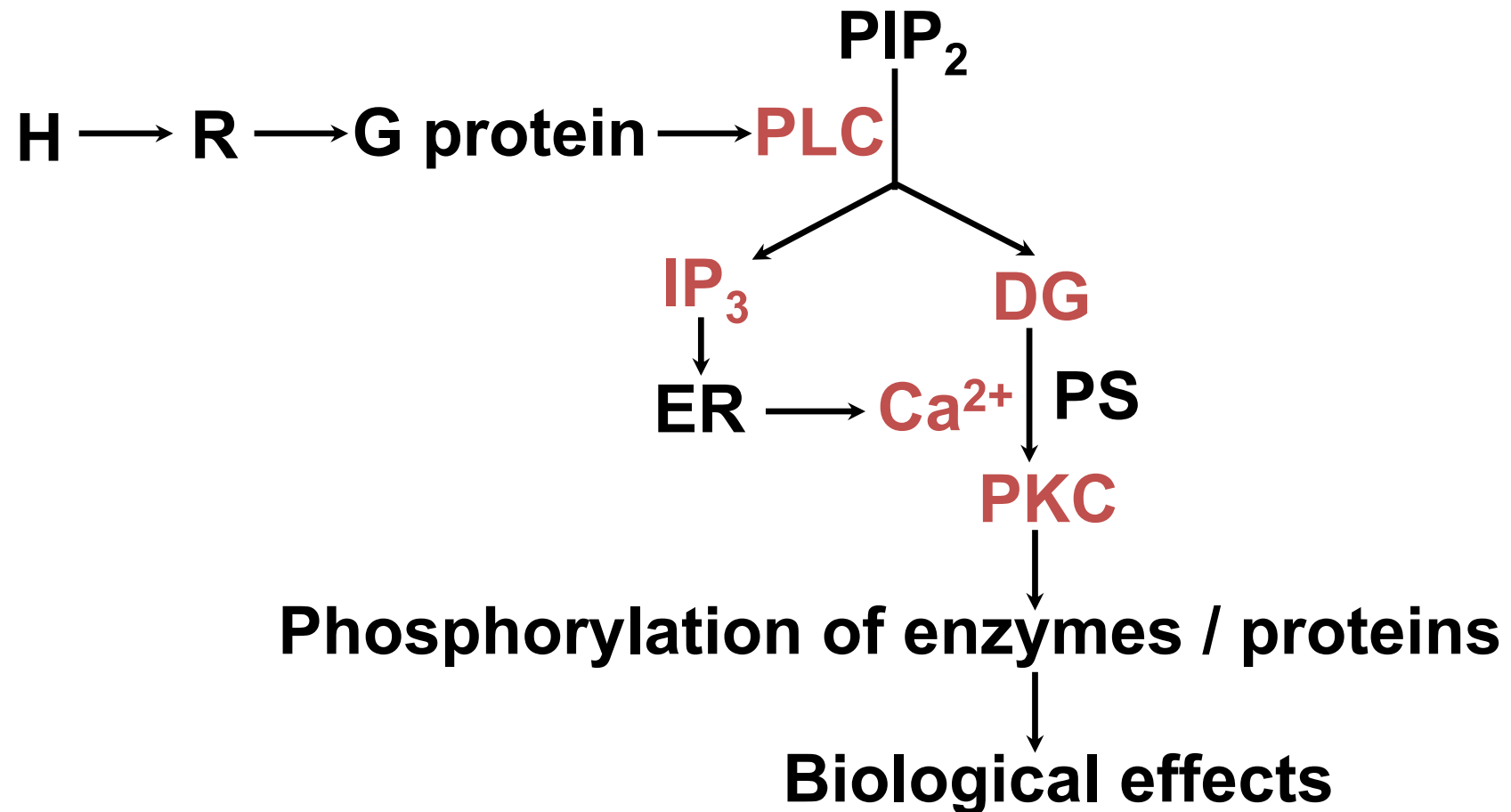
Ca²⁺ signalling

**Calcium ions activate Calcium-Calmodulin Kinases (CaM Kinases)
which phosphorylate CREB and thus activate genes containing CREs**

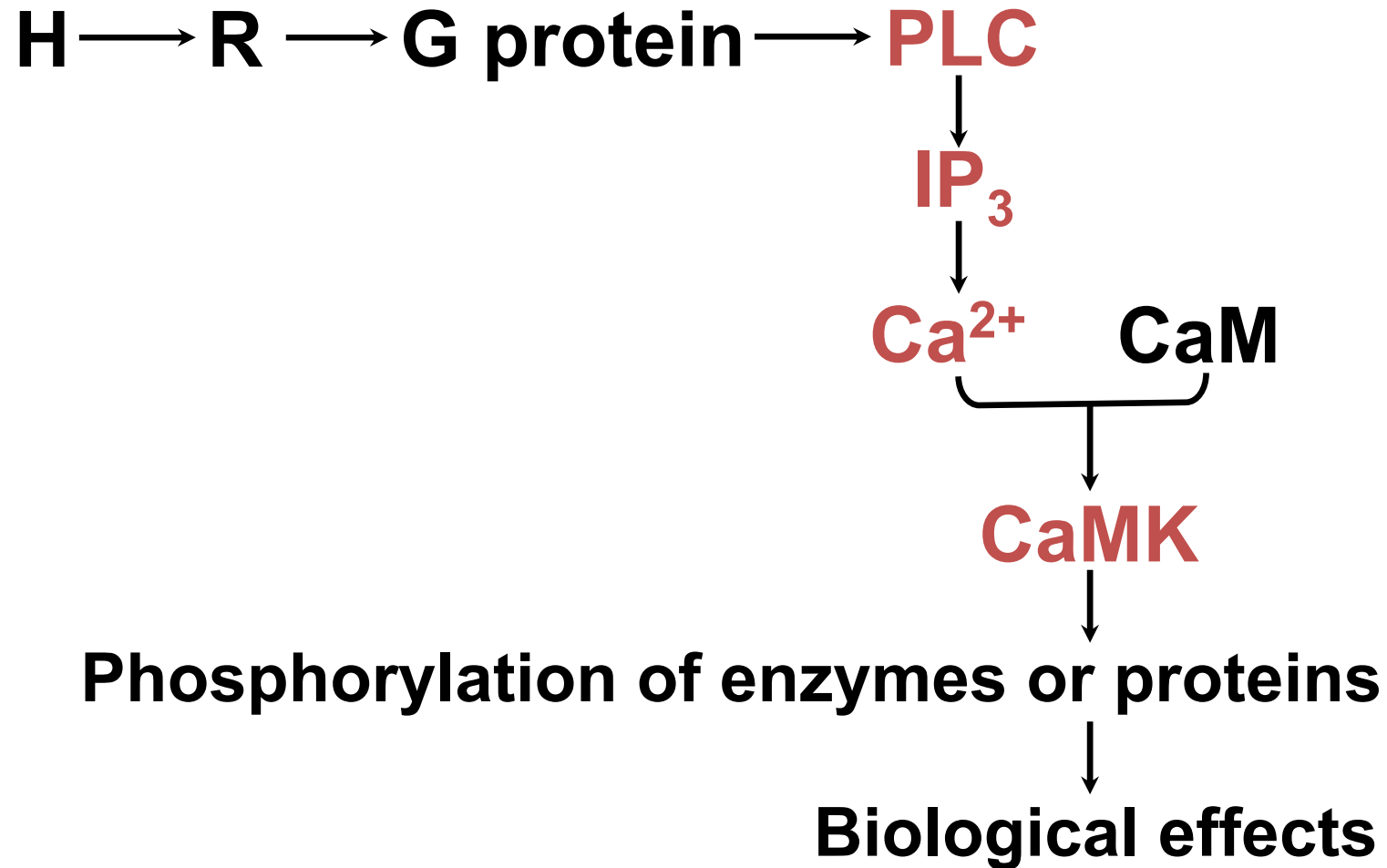


Ca²⁺ dependent protein kinase pathway

(1) Ca²⁺ -DAG -dependent PKC pathway

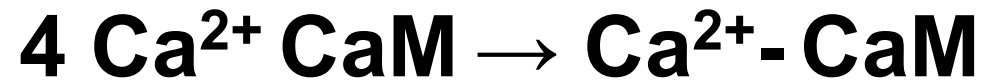


(2) Ca^{2+} -CaM dependent protein kinase pathway



Calmodulin (CaMKII)

Ca²⁺ binding protein



↓
CaM kinase ↑

↓
Ser/Thr - P

↓
Ca²⁺ pump, AC ↑ **GC** ↑

Enzymes (glycogen synthase, phosphorylase kinase)

**Signalling
Molecule**

Receptor

Gs

Adenylate Cyclase

cAMP

PKA

**cAMP
PATHWAY**

**Signalling
Molecule**

Receptor

Gq

Phospholipase C

DAG and IP3

**Ca²⁺ release, Calmodulin Kinases
& Protein Kinase C**

Ca²⁺ PATHWAY

cGMP signalling

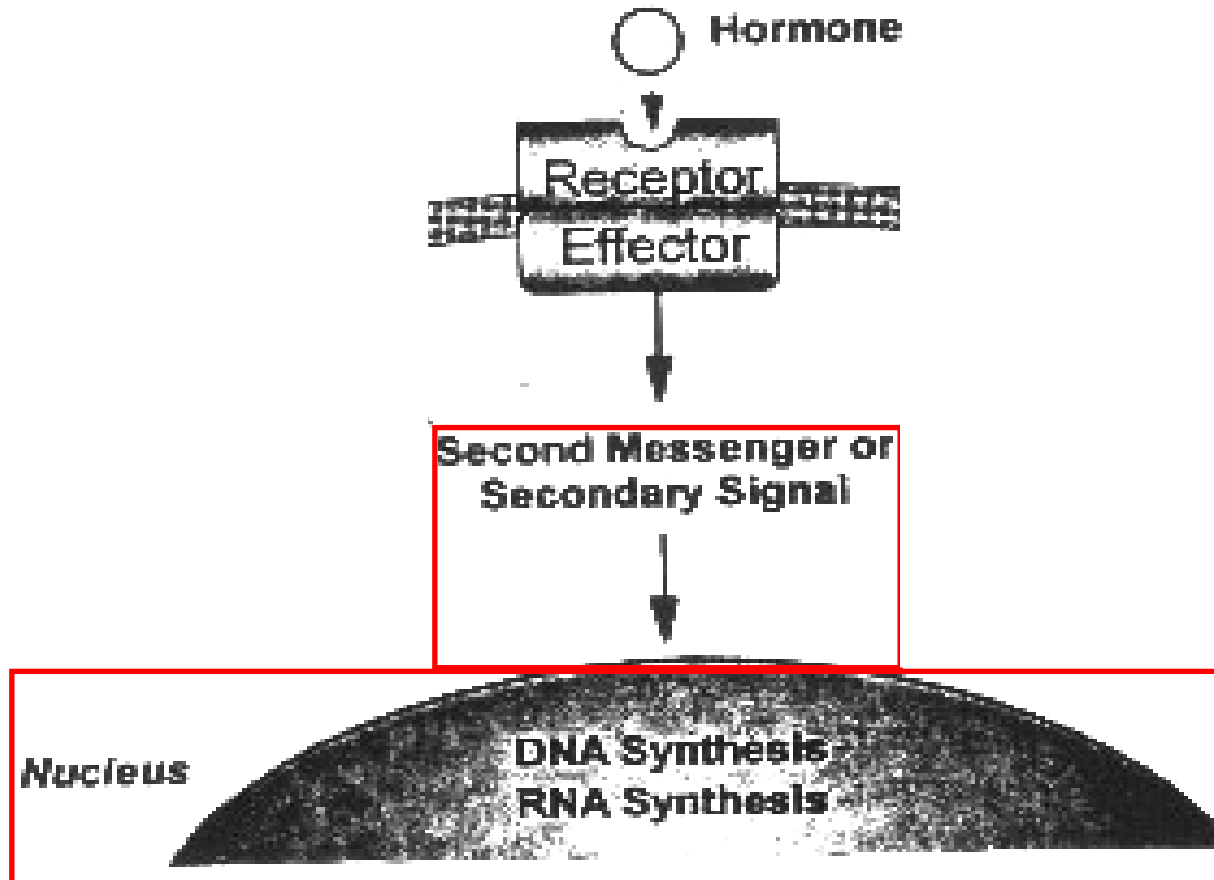
cGMP

cGMP is produced by Guanylate cyclase which catalyzes the conversion of GMP to cyclic GMP.

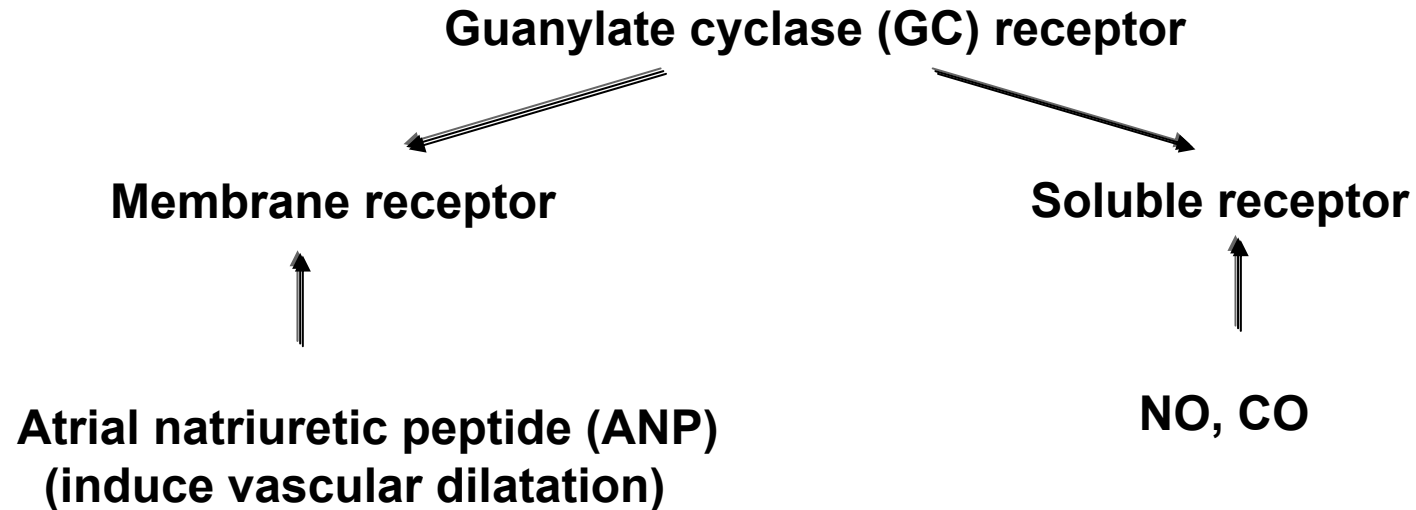
The intracellular targets of cGMP are:

cGMP-dependent protein kinases (G-kinases);
cGMP-regulated phosphodiesterases;
cGMP-gated ion channels.

Second messengers such as calcium and cGMP regulate multiple cellular processes



Regulation of gene expression by cyclic GMP



Since the focus of this lecture series is primarily on regulation of gene expression, we shall skip the activities of soluble GC receptors

How does ANP regulate gene expression by cGMP pathway?

ANP binds to its receptor and stimulates its intracellular guanylyl cyclase (GC) domain.

The ANP receptor has been named natriuretic peptide receptor 1 or guanylyl cyclase A (NPR1/GCA), a 130-kDa transmembrane protein that converts GTP to cGMP.

The active NPR1/GCA receptor is a homodimer containing an extracellular ANP-binding domain at its aminoterminal end and an intracellular GC domain at its carboxy-terminal end.

cGMP molecules thus synthesized, bind to target proteins, including the cGMP-dependent protein kinases (PKG) I and II, the cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channels and the cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterases (PDEs).

On activation by cGMP, PKG phosphorylates proteins such as CREB, ATF-1 which in turn activate the expression of target genes.

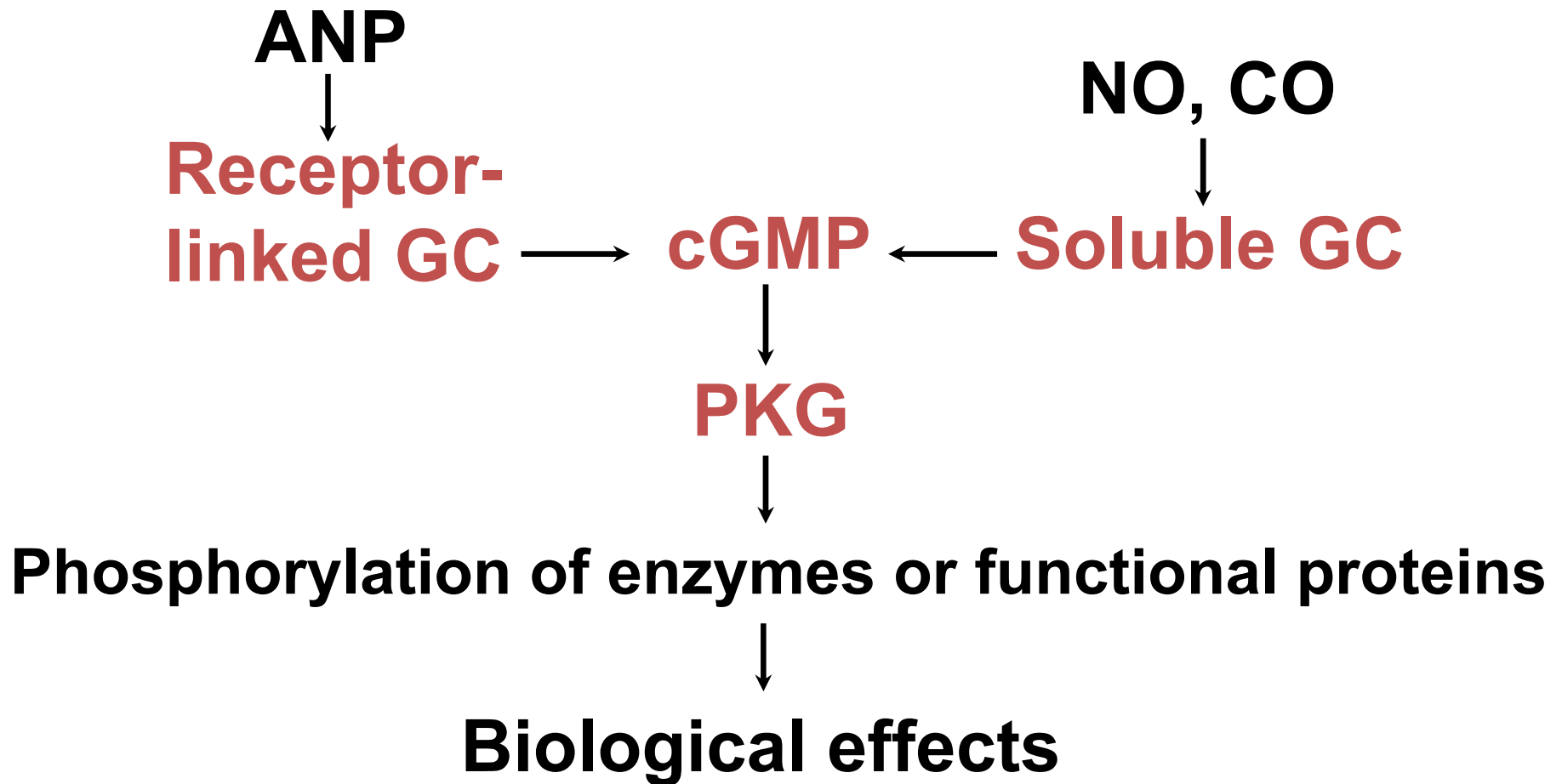
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Transcriptional regulation by cGMP can also occur indirectly.

Indirect control affects upstream signalling pathways modulating specific targets.

For example, cGMP activates mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinases which regulate several transcription factors, such as CREB, ternary complex factor, activating transcription factor-2 (ATF-2) and c-jun.

cGMP-dependent PKG pathway



ANP



GC



NO



cGMP



PKG



Vascular dilatation

Intracellular cyclic GMP concentrations are regulated by the action of guanylyl cyclases and by the rate of degradation by cyclic GMP-specific phosphodiesterases,

NO activates soluble guanylyl cyclase, which in turn catalyzes the formation of cyclic GMP from GTP, whereas cyclic GMP-specific phosphodiesterases catalyze the hydrolysis of cyclic GMP to GMP, ending signal transduction.

Phosphodiesterase 5, phosphodiesterase 6 and phosphodiesterase 9 are specific for cyclic GMP

Sildenafil (Viagra®), a novel inhibitor of the cyclic GMP-specific phosphodiesterase 5, increases intracellular concentrations of cyclic GMP and thus is effective in the clinical management of erectile dysfunction.

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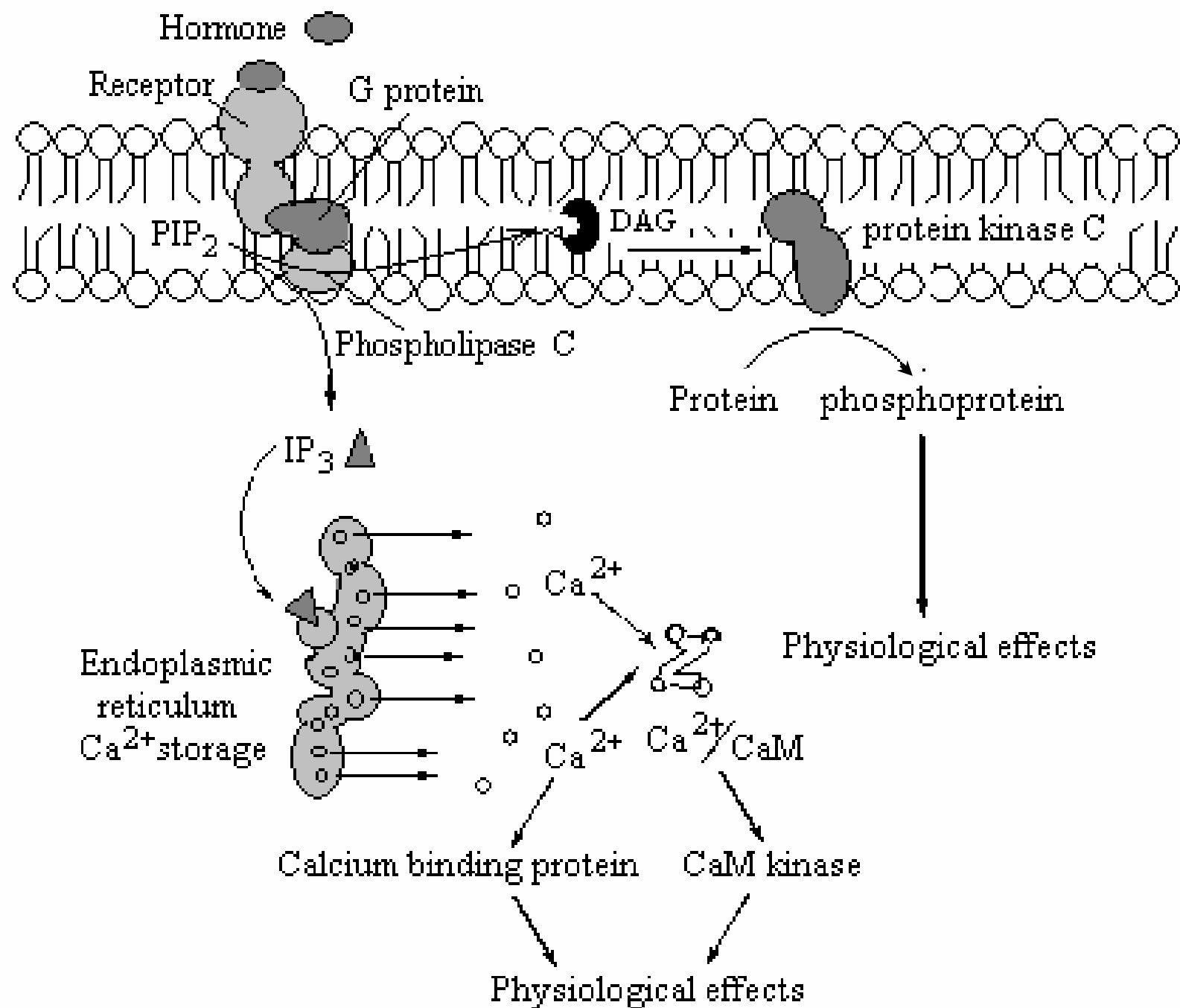
In the central nervous system, the nitric oxide (NO)-sensitive sGC isoform is the major enzyme responsible for cGMP synthesis.

Phosphodiesterases (PDEs) are enzymes for hydrolysis of cGMP in the brain, and they are mainly isoforms.

The NO/cGMP signaling pathway has been shown to play an important role in the process underlying learning and memory.

Aging is associated with an increase in PDE expression and activity and a decrease in cGMP concentration.

**LIPID MOLECULES
AS
SECOND MESSENGERS**



Hydrolysis of PIP2 generates
Diacylglycerol (DAG) and Inositol 3 Phosphate (IP3)

DAG together with Ca^{++} activates Protein Kinase C
IP3 is involved in Calcium mobilization

Functions of PKC

- **regulation of metabolism**

PKC → Ser/Thr-P

- **Gene expression**

PKC → **Phosphorylation of
Transcription factors**



Activation of genes



Cell proliferation

PIP2 derived second messengers

Phospholipase A2 (PLA2) – arachidonic acid

PLC – DAG/IP3 or ceramide

PLD – phosphatidic acid

Cellular effects

- Mostly through activation of PKC
- Gene expression
- Cell motility
- Production of next generation of second messengers

Hormones that act through phospholipid breakdown

- Epinephrine and norepinephrine (α -adrenergic receptors)
- Acetylcholine (muscarinic receptor)
- TNF α

PIP2 breakdown

- ❑ Second messenger system for Gq family of G proteins
- ❑ Gq activates phospholipase C (PLC)
- ❑ Phospholipase C (PLC) is membrane bound enzyme
- ❑ PLC β breaks phosphatidylinositol 4,5 bisphosphate (PIP2) to IP3 and DAG

PIP2 breakdown

- ❑ Both IP3 and DAG are second messengers
- ❑ IP3 increases intracellular calcium levels via the release from intracellular stores such as ER
- ❑ DAG activates protein kinase C (PKC)

Protein kinase C (PKC) signaling

- Serine/threonine kinase
- Activated by DAG
- Phosphorylates various cellular effectors
- Activates transcription factors AP-1 (c-fos and cjun - both protooncogenes)

Lipid derived second messengers for intercellular signaling

- Eicosanoids
- Arachidonic acid derivatives
- Prostaglandins
- Thromboxanes
- Leukotrienes
- Lipoxins

Lipid derived second messengers for intercellular signaling

- Escape the cell and participate in intercellular signaling
- Sensitize normal physiological responses
- Important as local inflammatory mediators

Membrane Receptor signalling

1. Receptors that regulate cyclic AMP formation
2. Receptors that regulate cyclic GMP formation
3. Receptors that regulate diacylglycerol (DAG) and inositol triphosphate (IP3)
4. **Receptors that possess protein kinase activity**

**Regulation of gene expression
by
Protein Kinase C**

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